

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL TRAINING PROGRAM

Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah, Friday, August 11, 2006

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks Resource Counsel

**8:45 a.m. Initial Proceedings Vionnette Johnson, Asst. Federal Public Defender
Northern District of Georgia**

An overview of the first proceedings in any case including the initial appearance, preliminary hearing, and detention hearing.

**9:15 a.m. Discovery & Motions Mike Garrett, Garrett & Gilliard, P.C.
Augusta, Georgia**

A discussion of how discovery is conducted in a criminal case in the Southern District of Georgia, and a review of the pre-trial motions most common to federal criminal cases, such as motions to sever, dismiss, and suppress evidence.

9:45 a.m. Break

**10:00 a.m. Trial in Federal Court John Ossick, John J. Ossick, Jr., P.C.
St. Mary's, Georgia**

An overview of the mechanics of trying a federal case and how it differs from a trial in the state courts. Discussion will include such topics as the Federal Rules of Evidence, jury selection, and preserving issues for appeal.

**11:00 a.m. Plea Negotiations Alex Zipperer, Zipperer, Lorberbaum & Beauvais
Savannah, Georgia**

A discussion of various plea-related topics including tactics and common concerns in negotiating the best possible plea agreement, the pros and cons of cooperation, the pitfalls of appellate waivers, and preparing the client to enter a plea.

12:00 p.m. Working Lunch To be determined

A lunch presentation on either ethics or professionalism will be included.

1:00 p.m. Sentencing I: Manny Atwal, Asst. Federal Public Defender
Intro to Sentencing District of Minnesota

An overview of the now “**advisory**” Sentencing Guidelines including a how-to-approach to calculating sentences. The impact of U.S. v. Booker on sentencing and strategies for using 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) to argue for a lower sentence.

2:00 p.m. Sentencing II: Paula Xinis, Asst. Federal Public Defender
The Mitigation Case District of Maryland

This session will discuss the development of mitigation evidence through your own mitigation investigation or through the use of a mitigation specialist. In addition, the session will provide tips on how to effectively present mitigation evidence through a sentencing memo and at a sentencing hearing.

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Sentencing III: Vionnette Johnson, Manny Atwal, Paula Xinis &
Small Group Workshop Andrea Taylor, Asst. Chief, Defender Services
Training Branch, Admin. Office of U.S. Courts

Participants will break into small groups to work through fact patterns from mock cases applying the advisory sentencing guidelines and the §3553(a)(1) factors. Participants will brainstorm ideas to create the best possible sentencing arguments.

4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

5:00 p.m. Reception

A reception for the presenters and participants will follow the seminar. Please stay and feel free to follow-up with any of the faculty on your pending cases. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and refreshments will be provided.

Seminar Information

Date: Friday, August 11, 2006 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street, Savannah GA 31401

Cost: Seminar is **FREE** and includes lunch provided by the U.S.D.C., Southern District of Georgia, and a sponsored reception at the conclusion of the day.

CLE: 6 CLE Credits. (6 hours have been approved for credit. A 7th hour of credit is being planned for the lunch hour).

CLE credits will be reported to the Bar. Attendees will pay the fee required by the State Bar. (\$5.00 per hour x 6 = \$30.00. An additional fee will be required for the additional hour). Fee will be collected at the seminar.

Lodging: A block of rooms and suites has been set aside at the Hampton Inn& Suites, 201 MLK Jr. Blvd., Savannah, GA (912) 721-1600. The hotel is brand new having opened in the last few months and is located 3 blocks from the Coastal center. Rooms are priced at \$129.00 night and suites at \$149.00. Block is being held until 7/31/06. Mention CJA Seminar when reserving.

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Registration Form (Please mail or fax)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Facsimile: _____

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Please direct any questions to the CJA Resource Counsel. Please reserve your space early.

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